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TO: JOHN ASHCROFT

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RE: MICROSOFT SETTLEMENT

Attached is my letter of 1/23 viewing my feelings about the Microsoft settlement.
Please use it to represent my views in the matter.

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January 23, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I was really glad when the Department of Justice and Microsoft reached an agreement. Microsoft has been very generous in their willingness to donate over \$100 million worth of computers in the public school system to foster computer literacy.

Microsoft did not get off easy. The settlement was arrived at after extensive negotiations with a court-appointed mediator. The Company agreed to terms that extend well beyond the products and procedures that were actually at issue in the suit, for the sake of wrapping up the suit. In addition, Microsoft has agreed not to retaliate against computer makers who ship software that competes with anything in its Windows operating system.

Since Microsoft has done everything in their power to cooperate with the Government and get back to business, why does this case need to be dragged out costing the taxpayer more and Microsoft more resulting in computer user's paying more for software? I believe we need to move on. No more action should be taken at the Federal level.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William B. Zollars', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

William B. Zollars

CC: Senator Rick Santorum